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PORTFOLIO

Visit my website, AlWatts.com, for projects and papers demonstrating my research skills, writing expertise, and creative solutions for sharing history.

EXPERIENCE

Community Engagement Director, Preservation Partners — 2021-Present

- Educate the community about the value of historic preservation
- Collaborate with city officials to encourage historic preservation
- Communicate about local history and preservation on social media
- Write about local history and historic preservation on website
- Assist with educational programming at five historic sites

Civil War Re-enactor, Missouri Irish Brigade — 2005-Present

- Portray infantry soldier in Union Army
- Participated in over 30 re-enactments and encampments
- Educate spectators about life and equipment of a Civil War soldier

At-Home Dad — 2002-2021

- Execute household, childcare and financial needs for my family of 6
- Perform household cleaning and home maintenance
- Plan and coordinate sports and extracurricular activities

Author — 2012-2015

- Co-created and edited two volumes of stories written by fathers titled ***Dads Behaving DADLY: Truths, Tears and Triumphs of Modern Fatherhood***
- Appeared on *CBS This Morning*, *NPR* and *The New York Times*

President, National At-Home Dad Network — 2011-2015

- Led community of at-home dads offering support, education and advocacy
- Responsible for fundraising efforts that grew revenue by 700%
- Balanced needs of members, sponsors and public stakeholders
- Promoted organization and advocated for at-homed dads in all media

Classified Sales Executive, Omaha World-Herald — 1998-2002

Sales and Operations Manager, A Solid Gold Sound — 1996-1998

Sales Representative, USA Western Directories — 1995-1996

EDUCATION

American Public University - MA Public History (1/4 complete)

Iowa State University — BS History and Advertising (1995)

SKILLS

Advanced writing skills, comfortable presenting in front of small and large groups, problem-solver, organized, detail-oriented, excellent at follow-through, confident with Word, Excel and Power Point.